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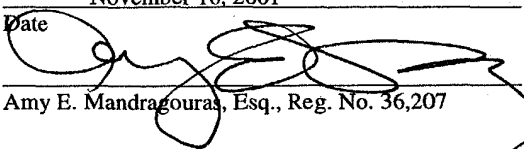
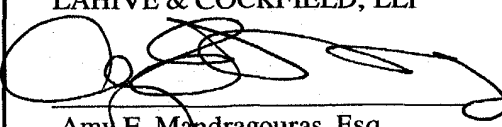
Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/852,400  
Title: Compositions, Kits, and Methods for Identification, Assessment,  
Prevention, and Therapy of Psoriasis  
Filed: May 9, 2001  
Inventor: William L. Trepicchio et al.  
Attorney Docket No.: GFN-5405CP

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith for filing in the above-identified application the following:

1. Preliminary Amendment (4 pages); and
2. Return-Receipt Postcard.

Please charge any necessary fees to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. The undersigned requests any extensions of time necessary to respond. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

<p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on:</p> <p>November 16, 2001</p> <p>Date </p> <p>Amy E. Mandragouras, Esq., Reg. No. 36,207</p>	<p>Respectfully submitted,</p> <p>LAHIVE &amp; COCKFIELD, LLP</p> <p></p> <p>Amy E. Mandragouras, Esq. Reg. No. 36,207 Attorney for Applicants</p>
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application  
follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace page 109 of the specification with replacement page 109 as follows:

**REMARKS**

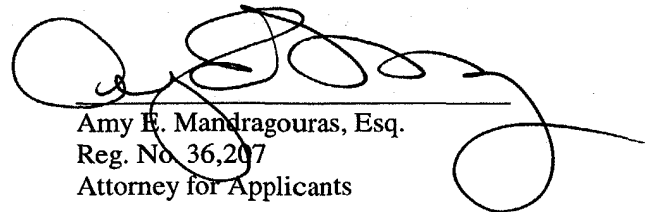
Table 11 has been amended rectify obvious errors in application as filed. The obvious errors occurred in Table 11, page 109 of the specification, where patients 401, 402, 403, 404, 501, 503, and 504 were referred to by name in the "sex/age" column. The remaining patients in Table 11 were all correctly listed by the appropriate female/male "F/M" designations. A replacement page 109 is enclosed in which Table 11 is amended to remove names of patients 401 F, 402 F, 403 F, 404 M, 501 M, 503 F, 504 M and insert "F/M" designations in place thereof. A "Version with Markings to Show changes Made" in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121 is attached hereto. No new matter has been added.

**CONCLUSION**

If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' Attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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